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Applicant(s): Mousa et al.

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Title: **METHOD FOR TREATING OCCLUSIVE VASCULAR DISEASES & WOUND HEALING**

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicants request the attached amendment be entered prior to Examination of the Application on the merits.

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on October 16, 2006, Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group II, claims 6-7 and 21-30, drawn to a composition comprising a nicotine, nicotinic acid analogs or polymeric forms thereof. This election is made without traverse, and Applicants hereby reserve the right to file a divisional application in connection with unelected claims 1-5 and 8-20, drawn to a method of treating a condition amenable to treatment by promoting angiogenesis comprising administering a nicotine, nicotinic acid analogs or polymeric forms thereof.

Applicants hereby provisionally Elect Species II “nicotinic acid analogs or polymeric forms.” In consideration of the preliminary amendment included herewith, claims 31-49 read on the elected species for elected Group II and claims 31-49 are generic for elected Group II. Claims 50-60 are linked to claim 31 and should be rejoined if claim 31 is subsequently allowed.